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Requirements

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In response to referenced request, requirements are submitted for the following individuals named therein:

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These requirements are designed to elicit information on Communist China's agricultural policy, particularly the rate and scope of agricultural collectivization programs and peasant reactions thereto; and the extent of Soviet or satellite technical aid and advice in the agricultural field. They should be considered continuing requirements for any recently emigrating Chinese agriculturalists.

1. Describe the land reform program as it took place in your area.
2. Describe any measures which have been forced on farmers in your area to participate in seasonal or permanent mutual-aid teams, agricultural cooperatives, or collective farms. If any of these forms of agricultural organization exist in your area, describe how it is organized and who actually controls it. Do you consider that this form of organization has increased or decreased production in your area; has it improved the livelihood of the people? What is the local attitude towards the collectivization program?
3. Describe the system of taxes, crop levies and other controls over agricultural operations; who is responsible for enforcing and supervising these controls.
4. Describe the system of control over the social and family activities of farmers in your area. How much time is spent in official meetings and participating in political discussions.
5. What is the procedure for borrowing money from banks for farm operations or for social obligations in your area? What is the rate of interest? What is the penalty for non-payment? Are there any private money-lending operations? What is the rate of interest and penalty for non-payment where private money-lending is carried on?
6. Have any foreigners come into your area as advisers on agricultural techniques and methods? Of what nationality? Do the people accept their advice readily or do they have to be forced to do so? Is there any noticeable gain or loss in productivity?

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7. If your area has suffered from floods or other natural disasters, what has been done by the authorities in the way of immediate relief? long-term relief and rehabilitation measures?

8. Are the people of the area called upon to perform work on roads, flood control projects or other public works? What is the procedure for such levies and what is the compensation?

9. Give a general evaluation of the attitude of the Chinese people towards the Chinese Communist regime and towards the Soviet Union and its present role in China? The attitudes of the various classes of Chinese society (students, peasants, workers, merchants, etc.) and the different ages groups should be evaluated separately, if possible.

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